

**CALFED Management Team Meeting
Friday, January 31, 1997**

Summary of Meeting and Actions

Flood Update

Preliminary analysis shows that the recent flooding is of historical significance, comparable to records for the 1940s. Michael Mantell is involved in a Task Force that Governor Wilson has set up to assess short term opportunities and issues related to a long-term flood management program. He related to the Management Team that Governor Wilson emphasized the need for Task Force activities and decisions to be consistent with CALFED.

- **Lester will assign staff from CALFED to work with the Governor's Task Force to ensure coordination.**
- **Each agency should designate a contact person for CALFED staff to coordinate with to ensure that the CALFED Bay-Delta Program activities are consistent with short and long-term agency efforts.**
- **Karl Enson of the Army Corps of Engineers volunteered to act as the coordinating mechanism to assess long-term changes.**
- **The Flood Report from the Governor's Task Force is due out in about 30 days. CALFED staff will overlay our timelines and activities with this report and distribute to CALFED agencies.**

Cost-share agreement

The subgroup comprised of Federal and State members will have its first meeting on February 19. The subgroup representatives will outreach to the other Federal and State agencies. This group will develop the conceptual issues and include the stakeholders at a later date.

Funding

The President's budget will be presented on February 6. The most likely funding mechanism would be that the Department of Interior distributes the funds to other federal agencies. One of the early decisions that needs to be made is how much of funding should be designated for Category III.

Ecosystem Roundtable

Roles and Responsibilities

- **Cindy Darling will provide a more formalized document outlining procedures for the Ecosystem Roundtable and the Restoration Coordination Program.**
- **USFWS and DFG should provide a liaison to the Ecosystem Roundtable to improve coordination.**
- **Kate Hansel is setting up quarterly meetings with agency staff to coordinate existing Federal and State programs.**

Implementation Strategy

Need to emphasize in the document that selection for Category III projects is done on an annual basis and priorities will be revisited each year. In response to concerns about focussing on single species or single purposes, it was suggested that the document emphasize that the focus or concentration should be on multi-purpose projects with habitat restorations that benefit multiple species. All listed species should have a higher priority. The Implementation Strategy document should include language that striped bass is a species of special concern because it has important economic value. Additionally, the document should discuss the use of multiple benefit criteria in selecting projects.

- **The CALFED Management Team approved the Implementation Strategy with the changes and discussions listed above.**

Administrative Entity

- **CALFED agencies expressed support for the use of National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to administer stakeholder contributions to Category III and a portion of state bond funds and federal appropriations.**

Reserve/Contingency Funds

- **Cindy Darling will develop language describing a reserve fund as part of the Category III effort to allow for adaptability of priorities. Issues such as who should control the money, the general time line, and procedures for expenditure should be addressed.**

97 Forecast and AFRP

The CVP 97 forecast update on February 14 will include a significant number of AFRP measures. Stakeholders have expressed a concern that the document needs to get peer

and technical review before being used as operational guidance. They feel that the AFRP may be used to reopen standards set in the Accord. They also feel that science doesn't support the decision to allocate the 800,000 AF.

- **The AFRP draft document will be distributed to CALFED in two to three weeks, before it goes out to the public.**

Implementation Agreement

Tom Hagler distributed a draft and will revise the letter agreement for discussion at the February 19 CALFED Policy Group meeting.

CALFED Issues

Schedule

Several of the environmental stakeholders, including the BDAC members, have expressed concern relative to the rapid pace of the schedule and are urging the CALFED Program to delay the schedule.

- **CALFED agencies expressed a commitment to hold to the current CALFED Program schedule.**

December Accord

- **Tom Hagler and Cay Goude are working on a memo describing what will happen on December 15 of 1997 and what obligations within the Accord expire. Issues related to the Accord will be discussed at upcoming meetings.**

Purpose and Need Statement

- **All comments regarding the Purpose and Need Statement should be forwarded to Mary Scoonover no later than February 7. The intention is to have the final Purpose and Need Statement for approval at the CALFED Policy Group on its February 19 meeting.**

Water Use Efficiency

The Water Use Efficiency Program incorporated the AB 3616 program, but added a provision for mandatory implementation in two years if water users are in non-compliance. Controversies over triggers for implementation include reluctance of agricultural group to make it mandatory and insistence of environmental group for more aggressive measures.

- **Issues will be identified more clearly in a memo and subsequent draft.**

GIS Development

- **Any agency which has not designated a staff member for the CALFED GIS Work Team should do so soon. A GIS Task Force is being developed as part of the Governor's Flood Task Force and CALFED GIS effort will coordinate with this group.**

Institutional Assurances

Discussions in various forums including the Ecosystem Roundtable, the stakeholders federal funding group, and the BDAC Assurances Work Group have discussed the need for a long-term entity to assure implementation of the CALFED program. These discussions are continuing, however, the program is discouraging stakeholders from pushing too hard for a new institution until the issues have been developed and analyzed.

Procurement of Consultant Services

The DWR contract will expire in fall of 1997. Agencies should be aware that staff will be needed to assist in review of proposal for the next contract.

Agency Review

Lester stressed the importance for collaborative input and review of CALFED Program products. Comments between agencies should be resolved in interagency forums as early in the process as possible.

Next Meeting

- **The next CALFED Policy Group meeting will be on Wednesday, February 19, 1997, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Room 1131 of the Resources Building.**